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10th District

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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: Letter of Support, AT&T/T-Mobile Merger

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write to offer my support for the merger of AT&T and T-mobile. This merge will undoubtedly benefit communities, consumers and workers alike within my district by expanding access to broad coverage and modernizing America's network infrastructure. I stand behind this merger due to three major positive effects that it will have throughout Ohio. The first, is the increase of broadband coverage which will benefit students and supply more opportunities to educational resources for the Ohio Graduation Tests, and college admissions tests such as the ACT and SAT. Next, this merge will increase access to high-speed wireless technology for smaller and rural communities. Lastly, this acquisition will directly result in Ohioans gaining a strong nationwide calling network.

I would also like to bring attention to the fact that AT&T is the only major U.S. wireless company with a strong union workforce. It offers top wages, benefits, training and professional development of all AT&T employees. Such a strong workforce is essential when access is essential to stay connected to community resources and employment opportunities. AT&T's commitment to bringing high speed internet across all borders makes the possibility of the merger all the more exciting and beneficial for the working middle class.

I strongly urge favorable consideration on the AT&T/ T-Mobile merger that would prove to significantly enhance the improvement of the needs of citizens throughout Ohio.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Patmon".

Representative Bill Patmon
10th House District

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